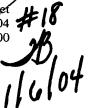
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Final Rejection dated September 3, 2003 of the Examiner allowing claims 27, 29-37, 39, 45-47, 58-64 and 70 and rejecting claims 38, 40-44 and 65-69. A check for \$330 for the Notice of Appeal fee is enclosed. If necessary, please consider this a Petition for Extension of Time to effect a timely response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP Deposit account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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